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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX – DECEMBER 2007

	PERCENT CHANGE - ALL ITEMS INDEX	
	DECEMBER 07/DECEMBER 06	DECEMBER 07/ NOVEMBER 07
MANITOBA	2.0	0.1
CANADA	2.4	0.1

The Manitoba all items index rose 2.0% in December 2007 compared with December 2006, up from the November annual rate of 1.7%. Canada's annual rate of price increase in December was 2.4%, down slightly from its November rate of 2.5%.

Chart 1 presents a summary of price changes for Manitoba and Canada over the last two years. The method of calculation shown in Chart 1 is the most widely used, and is often referred to by the media as the **"inflation rate"**. It is based on the percent change between the current month and the same month the previous year.

Manitoba's annual inflation rate of 2.0% in December was second lowest among the provinces. Alberta recorded the highest increase at 4.1%, while British Columbia recorded the lowest rate at 1.2%. The Winnipeg all items increase was 1.9% in December, up from an annual rate of 1.6% in November.

Between December 2006 and December 2007, Manitoba saw lower prices for the purchase and leasing of passenger vehicles, recreational equipment and services (excluding recreational vehicles), fresh fruit, processed meat, passenger vehicle insurance premiums, clothing accessories and jewellery, as well as property taxes (including special charges). These declines were offset by higher prices for gasoline, mortgage interest cost, food purchased from restaurants, replacement cost, other owned accommodation expenses, homeowners' home and mortgage insurance, and cablevision and satellite services (including pay television).

On a monthly basis, the Manitoba all-items index was 0.1% higher in December, up from the 0.2% decrease in November. Prices were lower last month for recreational equipment and services (excluding recreational vehicles), men's clothing, footwear, home entertainment equipment parts and services, reading material and other printed material (excluding textbooks), processed meat, as well as non-electric kitchen utensils and tableware. These declines were offset by increases in gasoline, inter-city transportation, other food preparations, mortgage interest cost, fuel oil and other fuels, preserved fruit and fruit preparations, and fresh vegetables. Prices at the national level increased by 0.1% in December, down from the 0.3% increase in November.

CHART 1. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
MONTHLY INFLATION RATE
MANITOBA AND CANADA

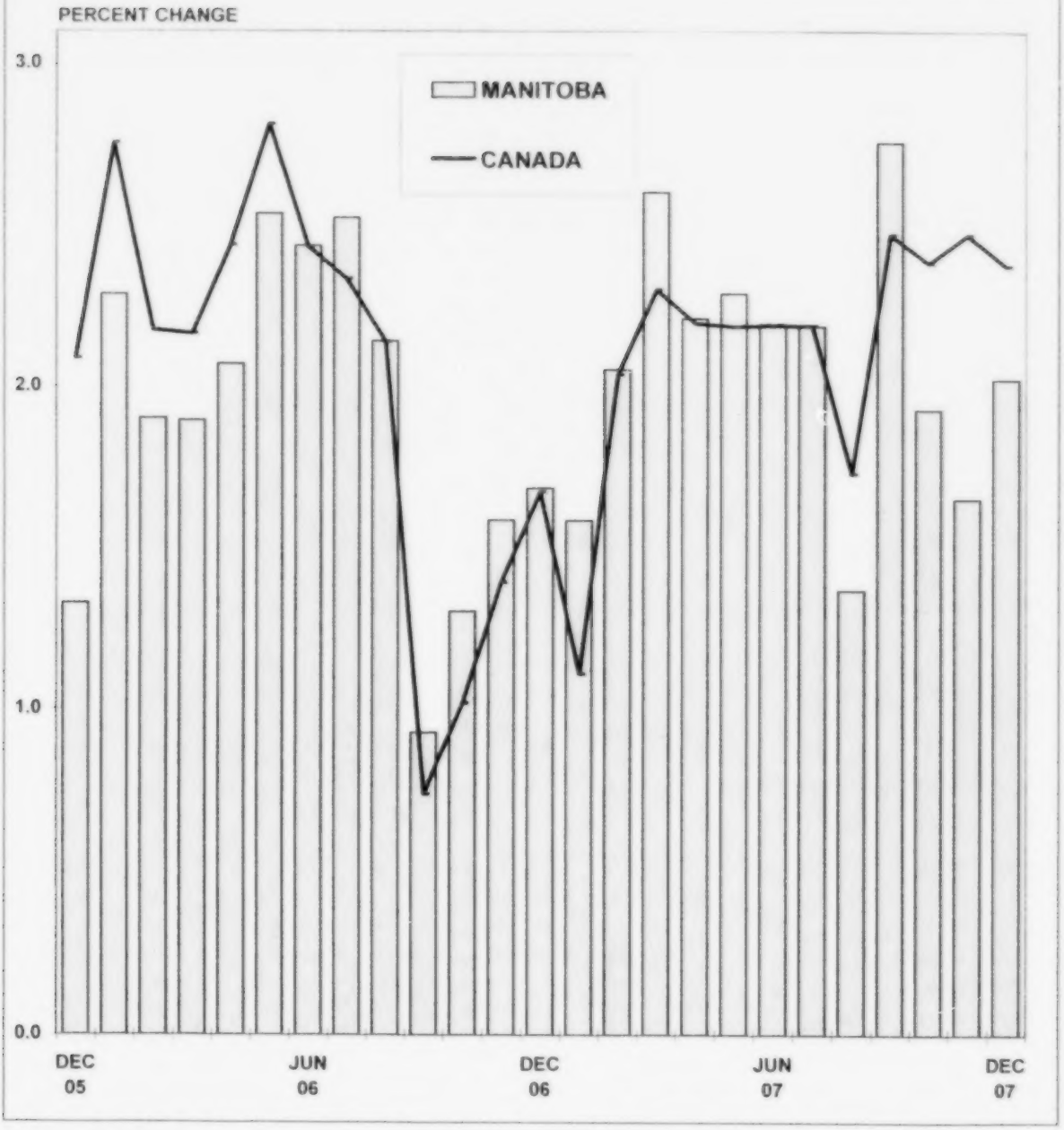

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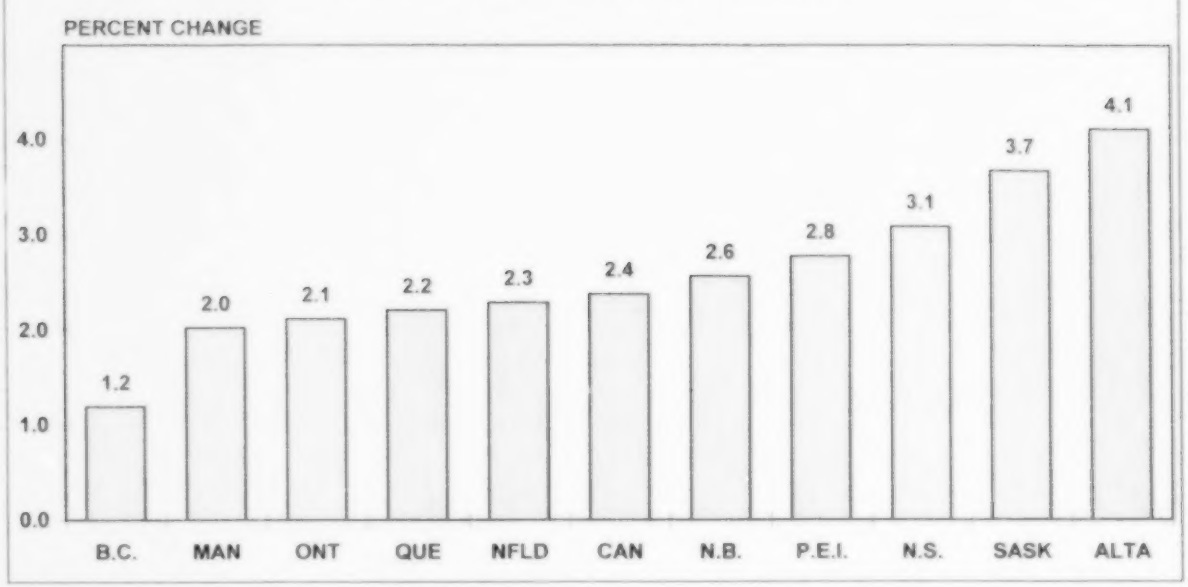
CHART 2. CONSUMER PRICE INDICES
PERCENT CHANGE FROM DEC 06 TO DEC 07
ALL ITEMS: CANADA AND PROVINCES



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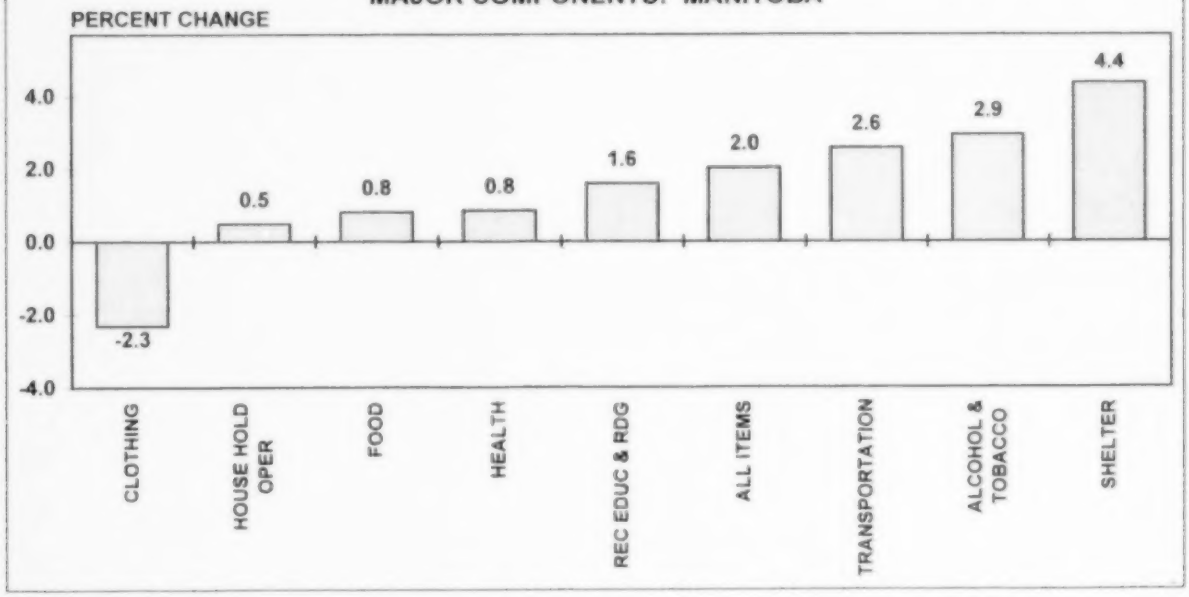

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TABLE 1: CONSUMER PRICE INDICES FOR DECEMBER 2007

(2002 = 100)

	MANITOBA					CANADA				
	DEC 07	NOV 07	PERCENT CHANGE	DEC 06	PERCENT CHANGE	DEC 07	NOV 07	PERCENT CHANGE	DEC 06	PERCENT CHANGE
MAIN COMPONENTS										
ALL ITEMS	110.9	110.8	0.1	108.7	2.0	112.0	111.9	0.1	109.4	2.4
FOOD	111.4	111.2	0.2	110.5	0.8	111.7	111.3	0.4	109.9	1.6
SHELTER	117.2	116.7	0.4	112.3	4.4	119.2	118.8	0.3	114.6	4.0
HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS AND FURNISHINGS	103.4	103.4	0.0	102.9	0.5	103.5	103.3	0.2	102.2	1.3
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	93.0	95.9	-3.0	95.2	-2.3	93.7	96.4	-2.8	93.5	0.2
TRANSPORTATION	115.7	114.6	1.0	112.8	2.6	117.5	116.7	0.7	114.1	3.0
HEALTH AND PERSONAL CARE	106.8	107.0	-0.2	105.9	0.8	107.7	108.0	-0.3	106.3	1.3
RECREATION, EDUCATION AND READING	102.1	103.0	-0.9	100.5	1.6	101.2	102.0	-0.8	100.1	1.1
TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL	126.4	126.3	0.1	122.8	2.9	126.2	126.5	-0.2	123.2	2.4
SPECIAL AGGREGATES:										
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD	110.7	110.7	0.0	108.3	2.2	112.0	112.0	0.0	109.3	2.5
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD AND ENERGY	108.1	108.3	-0.2	106.6	1.4	109.4	109.6	-0.2	107.6	1.7
ENERGY	135.5	133.3	1.7	123.6	9.6	138.2	136.5	1.2	127.1	8.7
GOODS	107.3	107.5	-0.2	106.8	0.5	107.4	107.6	-0.2	106.1	1.2
SERVICES	114.8	114.5	0.3	110.7	3.7	116.5	116.2	0.3	112.6	3.5

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TABLE 2: CONSUMER PRICE INDICES FOR DECEMBER 2007

(2002 = 100)

	ALL ITEMS					FOOD				
	DEC 07	NOV 07	PERCENT CHANGE	DEC 06	PERCENT CHANGE	DEC 07	NOV 07	PERCENT CHANGE	DEC 06	PERCENT CHANGE
MANITOBA	110.9	110.8	0.1	108.7	2.0	111.4	111.2	0.2	110.5	0.8
WESTERN PROVINCES										
SASKATCHEWAN	112.9	113.1	-0.2	108.9	3.7	110.6	111.0	-0.4	110.5	0.1
ALBERTA	118.9	119.1	-0.2	114.2	4.1	110.4	110.5	-0.1	110.1	0.3
BRITISH COLUMBIA	110.1	110.1	0.0	108.8	1.2	109.5	109.3	0.2	108.1	1.3
EASTERN PROVINCES										
ONTARIO	111.1	111.2	-0.1	108.8	2.1	111.7	111.2	0.4	109.5	2.0
QUEBEC	111.1	110.8	0.3	108.7	2.2	113.4	112.6	0.7	111.5	1.7
MARITIME PROVINCES										
NEW BRUNSWICK	111.9	111.9	0.0	109.1	2.6	114.3	115.3	-0.9	111.4	2.6
NOVA SCOTIA	113.6	113.5	0.1	110.2	3.1	114.9	115.4	-0.4	111.8	2.8
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	114.7	114.3	0.3	111.6	2.8	113.7	114.2	-0.4	110.6	2.8
NEWFOUNDLAND/LABRADOR	111.8	111.6	0.2	109.3	2.3	108.9	111.0	-1.9	107.3	1.5
* MANITOBA RANK			7		2			7		3

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* Ranking is done in ascending order from the lowest to the highest

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TABLE 3: PERCENT CHANGE COMPARISONS, MANITOBA AND CANADA

(AS OF DECEMBER 2007)

	(1) CHANGE FROM SAME MONTH LAST YEAR		(2) CURRENT ANNUAL RATE OF CHANGE		(3) 12 - MONTH ANNUAL RATE	
MAIN COMPONENTS	MANITOBA	CANADA	MANITOBA	CANADA	MANITOBA	CANADA
ALL ITEMS	2.0	2.4	-3.2	0.4	2.1	2.1
FOOD	0.8	1.6	-2.1	2.9	3.1	2.6
SHELTER	4.4	4.0	2.1	4.8	3.8	3.4
HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS AND FURNISHINGS	0.5	1.3	-2.7	-0.8	0.1	1.0
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	-2.3	0.2	-18.2	-14.4	-0.4	-0.1
TRANSPORTATION	2.6	3.0	-5.7	2.1	1.3	1.6
HEALTH AND PERSONAL CARE	0.8	1.3	1.9	0.4	0.5	1.3
RECREATION, EDUCATION AND READING	1.6	1.1	-7.1	-8.2	1.6	1.1
TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL	2.9	2.4	-0.9	-1.3	3.2	3.1
SPECIAL AGGREGATES						
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD	2.2	2.5	-3.5	-0.4	1.8	2.0
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD AND ENERGY	1.4	1.7	-2.2	-1.1	1.7	2.0
ENERGY	9.6	8.7	-10.0	4.8	2.7	2.3
GOODS	0.5	1.2	-7.5	-1.5	0.9	0.8
SERVICES	3.7	3.5	1.4	2.1	3.4	3.4

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NOTE: THERE ARE SEVERAL WAYS TO MEASURE THE ANNUAL PERCENT CHANGE OF THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS THE INFLATION RATE. THE ABOVE TABLE PRESENTS THREE DIFFERENT METHODS:

(1) THE MOST COMMONLY USED METHOD OF REPORTING THE INFLATION RATE, BASED ON PERCENT CHANGE FROM THE SAME MONTH ONE YEAR AGO.

(2) PROVIDES A MEASURE OF THE CURRENT ANNUAL RATE OF INFLATION. THE GROWTH RATE OVER THE PRECEEDING THREE MONTHS IS CALCULATED AND THEN COMPOUNDED AT AN ANNUAL RATE. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THESE CALCULATIONS HAVE NOT BEEN SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED.

(3) COMPARES THE AVERAGE OF THE 12 MONTHS ENDING THIS MONTH WITH THE AVERAGE OF THE 12 MONTHS ENDING ONE YEAR EARLIER.

TABLE 4: CONSUMER PRICE INDICES FOR DECEMBER 2007: ALL ITEMS

(2002 = 100)

	DEC 07	NOV 07	PERCENT CHANGE	(1) CHANGE FROM SAME MONTH LAST YEAR	(2) 12 - MONTH ANNUAL RATE
WINNIPEG	110.7	110.7	0.0	1.9	2.1
WESTERN CITIES					
REGINA	112.2	112.4	-0.2	3.1	2.6
SASKATOON	114.0	114.3	-0.3	4.9	3.4
CALGARY	119.0	119.1	-0.1	3.7	5.0
EDMONTON	118.6	118.8	-0.2	4.5	4.8
VANCOUVER	110.5	110.4	0.1	1.3	2.1
VICTORIA	109.7	109.6	0.1	0.6	1.1
EASTERN CITIES					
THUNDER BAY	108.1	108.2	-0.1	1.4	1.0
TORONTO	111.1	111.0	0.1	2.4	1.9
OTTAWA	110.8	110.9	-0.1	2.0	1.9
MONTREAL	111.0	110.7	0.3	2.2	1.6
QUEBEC	110.8	110.5	0.3	2.2	1.3
MARITIME CITIES					
SAINT JOHN, N.B.	111.9	111.9	0.0	2.7	1.8
HALIFAX	113.1	113.1	0.0	3.1	2.0
CHARLOTTETOWN	114.3	114.0	0.3	2.9	1.9
ST. JOHN'S, NFLD	111.5	111.3	0.2	2.5	1.5
* WINNIPEG RANK (OUT OF 16 CITIES)			7	4	12

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(1) THE MOST COMMONLY USED METHOD OF REPORTING THE INFLATION RATE, BASED ON PERCENT CHANGE FROM THE SAME MONTH ONE YEAR AGO.

(2) COMPARES THE AVERAGE OF THE 12 MONTHS ENDING THIS MONTH WITH THE AVERAGE OF THE 12 MONTHS ENDING ONE YEAR EARLIER.